

Abraham can't be forced out

Despite rumours to the contrary Mary Abraham has not resigned from the Board of Governor's SUB Review Committee. She has, however, asked Dr. Downey to suspend her membership on the committee until May 1, 1984 which is the deadline for publication of findings from the SUB Board's public inquiry. She has opted to remain on the Committee so that in the event the student inquiries prove unfruitful, reform may still be accomplished through the Board of Governor's Committee. Abraham stressed that her intention was to give the SUB Board the first opportunity to investigate without the fear of a concurrent Board of Governor's inquiry. In the event that the SUB Board inquiry is successful then Abraham would be more than willing to resign from the Board of Governor's Committee.

Dear Dr. Downey:

When I agreed to serve on the SUB Review Committee established by the Board of Governors, I did so in the belief that there was a pressing need to reform the operations of the SUB so as to avoid recurrence of the crisis in which we now find ourselves. Since that time, both the Student Union and the SUB Board have called for inquiries thereby underlining the need for the review and reform of the SUB operations.

Unfortunately, these three bodies have moved from this initial point of agreement to disparate positions concerning the method by which the Board of Governors (BOG) chose to conduct its inquiry. Both the SUB Boards and the UNB-SRC see the BOG's action as high-handed and paternalistic, and deplore the failure of the BOG to apprise the SUB Board of its concerns before taking action.

As a student representative, I would have welcomed an opportunity for the members of the SUB Board to effect internal reform first rather than forcing the BOG to take action.

However, as a governor of the University, I can appreciate the concerns of the BOG and administration and I realize that since the BOG is ultimately responsible for the SUB, it felt that it would be an abdication of that responsibility to fail to act.

Given that the SUB Board has called for a public inquiry and has established a deadline of May 1, 1984 to

report its findings; and where the BOG Review Committee has been given until June 30, 1984 to make its proposals; I am requesting that you suspend my membership on the BOG Review Committee until May 1, 1984 at which time I would feel free to participate in any review the Committee might choose to undertake.

I am suggesting this

course of action because it is the only way I can see which will allow the SUB Board to exercise its autonomy by conducting an inquiry, and still ensure that in the event the inquiry does not take place or is unfruitful, the BOG Committee will still have ample time in which to conduct its own investigation and make proposals for reform as it sees fit.

Although I have been informed by certain members of the student administration that I may be expelled from the Student Union for serving on the BOG Committee, I nevertheless feel this is the best way that I can, in good conscience, serve both the students and the University in this matter.

Yours very truly,
Mary Abraham

Dean of Students leaves post

By BARRY PARKINSON
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After 10 years as Dean of Students, Dean Thompson is leaving the post. The Dean, a Physical Education professor, has been the "conscience" of U.N.B.; although the office carries no official powers, it does utilize the power of persuasive argument quite effectively.

Over the last decade, Dean Thompson has had many accomplishments. As chairman of the Residence Budget Committee, he helped make the residences self-supporting. In the regulatory area, he got the disciplinary code standardized and contributed to the creation of many new rules pertaining to the calendar (such as requiring professors to explain course requirements within two weeks of the beginning of terms and not allowing tests in the last 10 days of classes.) Dean Thompson also helped establish the Career Centre.

the Dean's most important work, however, has been the everyday tasks of cutting through red tape and helping students with their problems. This is something he finds very satisfying. Dean Thompson also teaches a course every term; he considers this to be important as it helps keep him in touch with the students. Although he thinks a full-time Ombudsman would be a good idea, he feels that the financial restraints and the fact that most incidents requir-

ing an Ombudsman do not involve the Dean in conflict of interests make a part-time position sufficient. After all, he says, "a lot gets done through quiet diplomacy."

Above all, Dean Thompson seems to have enjoyed his contact with the people around him. He says that he has experienced satisfaction "rubbing intellectual elbows" with students, working with the Student Services employees and engaging in activities with the international students.

While there have many hectic times and frustrating experiences, the Dean claims "the benefits, in my opinion, far outweigh the hassles that exist."

Dean Thompson will be going on a much-deserved sabbatical leave next year, after which he will return to full-time teaching. As a final comment on the position of Dean of Students, Dean Thompson says, "It continues to be a very challenging and interesting job."

AIESEC - Atlantic Conference

BY SVEN TRETROP

Last weekend, four UNB students represented AIESEC-UNB at the 1984 Atlantic Spring Regional Conference in Paradise, Nova Scotia. Claude Leblanc, Jim Bremmer, Stanley Best and I, (Sven Tretrop) rented a car on Fri-

day and we made the trip in about eight hours. The conference took place at Camp Hilles which is an old mansion and grounds now owned by the Department of Social Services and used in the warmer months as a summer camp for young people. Paradise is a tiny town near Digby with nothing more than a few buildings and a gas station. What at first seemed like a potentially boring situation, in fact turned out to be an almost ideal one. Because we were so isolated, it made for a good environment for both getting work done as well as for having fun.

The conference was quite well organized by AIESEC-St. Mary's and was well attended. There were about 30 of us there for the weekend. Other local committees in attendance were AIESEC-Dalhousie and AIESEC-St Mary's. During

the weekend we all attended various workshops with numerous themes ranging from "Solicitations Training" to "Organizing and Using a Board of Advisors" to "Time and Office Management." Don't get the idea that it was all work and no play though. On Friday night we had a "Beer and Pizza Party" and on Saturday night a "Crazy Pajama Party". Both nights we all had a great time.

All in all, I think we learned a lot and we made a lot of new friends too. It was a long ride down to Paradise but it was well worth it. Next year it will be AIESEC-UNB's turn to host the 1984 Atlantic Fall Regional Conference and representatives from all the other AIESEC locals in the Maritimes will be attending. I only hope that the other locals will have half as much fun at our conferences as we had at theirs.

Brenda Paul resigns

BY DAVID MAZEROLLE

Vice-president of UNB's SRC, Brenda Paul, resigned her office last week, citing "personal and academic concerns" as her reason. Her duties as vice-president, including her role as Chief Returning Officer for the April 4 engineering election, will be assumed by SRC President John Bosnitch.

In September of this year, there will be a call for nominations for the position of vice-president; the election will take place early in October, with the successful candidate taking office at the next SRC meeting afterward.

Bosnitch accepted Ms. Paul's resignation with some regret.